

FOGLAND BEACH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes 09 April 2008

Members present: T. Ramotowski (Chairman, Conservation Commission), J. Cook (Recreation Commission), D. Merriman (Neighborhood Representative), and S. Berlucchi (Director of Public Works).

Chairman Ramotowski called the meeting to order at 5:12 PM at the Tiverton Community Center, 346 Judson Street.

I. Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

II. Administrative Matters

• Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the Oversight Committee's February 13, 2008 meeting had not yet been prepared; therefore this item was deferred until the Committee's next regular meeting.

• Miscellaneous Correspondence

There was no miscellaneous correspondence.

III Committee Member Reports

• Town Administrator

There was no report.

• Director of Public Works

Mr. Berlucchi reported that there had been a problem with boulders being moved to block a driveway near the beginning of Three Rod Way. The homeowner on the corner wanted to stop people from parking and walking on his land. The boulders caused a dispute with neighbors and were later removed.

Chairman Ramotowski explained the agreement that had been reached between the Town and the CRMC regarding the movement of boulders at Fogland. The CRMC indicated that formal permission (permit or FONSI ruling) would be needed for such

activity. Because an application for such activity needed to be filed with the CRMC, Town Council permission is also required.

Mr. Berlucchi reported that vehicles had been driving in the wet, grassy area near the beach attendant's shack, causing deep ruts in the ground in that location.

Chairman Ramotowski asked when Mr. Martin would be re-installing the no parking sign that had been found lying on the ground at the end of the cul-de-sac road. Another sign that normally was located in that area was missing completely. The Conservation Commission was looking into the purchase of a replacement. Mr. Berlucchi stated that he would remind Mr. Martin to re-erect the sign. Mr. Merriman recommended that the base of the sign be set into concrete, not just soil.

- **Recreation Commission**

Mr. Cook stated that the Recreation Commission would again be paying an individual to pick up litter at Fogland Beach during the upcoming beach season. This seemed to work out well last year.

Mr. Cook reported that the Recreation Commission was recommending increases in some of the beach fees for the upcoming year. Specifically, the season parking fee for non-residents will be raised from \$50/year to \$75/year. Last year, the total income for the Town from both Fogland and Grinnell's Beaches was about \$30,000.00. Mr. Merriman suggested that turning over the collection of beach fees to a private firm would generate even more income for the Town. Many people who should be paying are managing to avoid paying because the attendant's shack is not manned continuously.

- **Conservation Commission**

There was no report.

- **Open Space Commission**

There was no report.

- **Harbor Commission**

There was no report.

- **Neighborhood Representative:**

Mr. Merriman reported that RI-DEM's Environmental Police had issued a summons/ticket to an individual who was removing sand/gravel/cobbles from the area at the end of the cul-de-sac road and transporting it off-site in his pickup truck. Chairman Ramotowski noted that removal of any material from Fogland without permission was

also a violation of the Town ordinance that governs the use of the property (chapter 54 of the Town Code).

IV. Progress Towards Common Goals

- **Detailed Map/Survey of Town-Owned Property at Fogland**

- **Status of RFP for Fogland Survey/Map**

Chairman Ramotowski reported that progress on this item was being delayed by the need to coordinate the survey activity with the Town's on-going efforts to develop a GIS map for the entire Town. The Town Planner is working on language to make the draft RFP consistent with the Town-wide GIS mapping effort.

- **Long-Term Management Plan for Fogland Beach**

Chairman Ramotowski noted that progress on this issue will occur once the survey/map has been produced.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the April 9, 2008 meeting of the Fogland Oversight Committee adjourned at 5:50 PM.

These minutes were prepared by T. Ramotowski.